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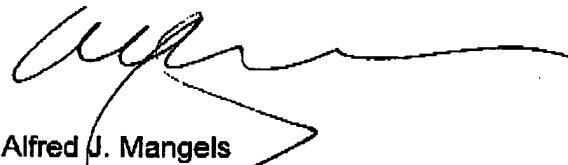
Claims 1 through 6 as filed were rejected under the obviousness-type double patenting doctrine over claims 1-7 of commonly owned U.S. Patent No. 7,573,994. Those rejected claims are presented above in their as-filed but clean form, and without strikeout or underlining. No amendments or new matter have been added to the claims as they are presented herein.

Filed concurrently herewith is a duly executed TERMINAL DISCLAIMER TO OBVIATE A DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION OVER A "PRIOR" PATENT, which overcomes the double patenting rejection.

Based upon the foregoing, the present application is now in allowable form. Accordingly, an early Notice of Allowance is in order and is respectfully solicited.

The examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney if this response raises any questions, so that any such question can be quickly resolved in order that the present application can proceed toward allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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